

ABSTRACT

A radio access network provides information to a mobile radio terminal indicating a list of one or more geographic coverage areas from which the mobile radio terminal may or may not obtain service. In the preferred example embodiment, a "forbidden" list includes one or more geographic coverage areas from which the mobile radio terminal may not obtain service. The mobile checks the received information when considering whether to request service from a new geographic coverage area, and determines whether to select the geographic coverage area depending on that received information. Moreover, the mobile terminal consults that list to determine whether to perform a location area update procedure. In other words, if the list indicates that a new geographic coverage area should not be selected, the mobile terminal does not perform a location area update request in that new coverage area.